

## Benefit Change Q&A for January 1, 2006

### WHEN do the changes start?

**ALL** of the changes below start on **January 1, 2006**.

### WHO are the changes for?

**All** TennCare adults and **some** TennCare children. The changes that affect you depend on the **kind** of TennCare you have.

### **CHILDREN** under age 21 **who have dual eligibility**.

“Dual eligibility” means they have MediCARE **and** TennCare MediCAID or TennCare Standard.

### WHAT is changing?

#### **Prescription Benefits:**

Effective January 1, 2006, MediCARE will pay for their prescription medications.

TennCare will **only** pay for their prescriptions if **1)** it’s a prescription medication that TennCare pays for; and **2)** it’s a prescription medication that MediCARE **doesn’t** cover.

TennCare children who do not have MediCARE are not affected by any of these benefit changes.

### **ALL Medicaid Adults** age 21 and older **who have dual eligibility**.

This group of adults who also have MediCARE includes those who get TennCare reimbursed long-term care **AND** those who do **NOT** get TennCare reimbursed long-term care.

### WHAT is changing?

**1. Prescription Benefits:** Effective January 1, 2006, **MediCARE** will pay for their prescription medications. They will have **NO** prescription coverage through TennCare Medicaid – even for the kinds of drugs that MediCARE doesn’t cover.

**2. Alcohol and Substance Abuse Benefit limit:** Effective January 1, 2006, there will be **LIFETIME limits** on drug or alcohol treatment and detox. **\$30,000** and **10 days** of detox is all TennCare will pay for their inpatient or outpatient drug or alcohol treatment.

**What happens if they reach their 10 day limit for detox?** TennCare will **not** pay even if they haven’t used all of their \$30,000.

**Keep Reading**

**Non-institutionalized Medicaid Adults** age 21 and older **who do NOT have dual eligibility.**

This group of adults does NOT get TennCare reimbursed long-term care and does NOT have MediCARE.

**WHAT is changing?****1. Prescription Benefits:**

Effective January 1, 2006, TennCare will **STOP** paying for Barbiturates and Benzodiazepines. These are drugs like Valium, Xanax, and Phenobarbital (drugs used for treatment of anxiety or as sleep aids.) However, this group of adults will continue to have a 5 prescription/2 brand name monthly limit for other kinds of drugs.

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**Institutionalized Medicaid Adults** age 21 and older **who do NOT have dual eligibility.**

This group of adults IS getting TennCare reimbursed long-term care but does NOT have MediCARE.

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**Standard Adults** age 21 and older.**WHAT is changing?**

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